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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Ingham County Legal News: Video project highlights good work by courts

"... A new online video series called 'Court Stories' aims to tell everyday stories about the good work being done in the Michigan court system. The videos are expected to all be about five minutes long and highlight some activity or aspect of a state court that may not have gotten attention in the past. The brainchild of McBrien, the Michigan Supreme Court's public information officer, the series focuses on the relationship between courts and communities."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Jackson County Legal News.

Detroit Free Press: State investigating Macomb County judge over child neglect claim

"A state agency is investigating whether Macomb County Circuit Judge Richard Caretti did anything wrong when he allowed his children to be passengers in a vehicle driven by a female companion who was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving, police confirmed."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Woman with Macomb circuit judge, his kids, in car charged with OWI

[Full story](#)

The Associated Press: Macomb Co. judge responds to ex-wife's allegations

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Macomb judge responds to child-care allegations

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Judge Caretti speaks out after girlfriend arrested for drunk driving

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Briefs: 5 held in dispute in Harper Woods court, police station

"Five people were arrested and two injured in a disturbance Wednesday during a court exam of two suspects in a fatal shooting at Eastland Center in 2010, Harper Woods Police Chief Jim Burke said in an email Wednesday. The incident took place in the District 32-A courtroom of Judge Roger J. LaRose."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MLive.com: Courtroom fight involving 80 people breaks out in Harper Woods homicide case

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Judge to hear arguments in dispute between DPS, emergency financial manager

"[Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette J. Berry] will hear oral arguments Feb. 20 in a dispute between the Detroit school board and Emergency Financial Manager Roy Roberts over control of academics and finances in the state's largest district."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Judge tells Detroit school board, emergency financial manager Roy Roberts to return to court Feb. 20

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Detroit woman accused of killing daughter to get competency evaluation

"A Detroit mother of five accused of stabbing her daughter to death will undergo a mental evaluation to determine whether she's competent to stand trial, a judge ruled Wednesday. Judge Michael E. Wagner of 36th District Court on Wednesday ordered a competency evaluation for Semaria Greene."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Mom accused of stabbing 8-year-old to death ordered to have competency evaluation

[Full story](#)

The Ann Arbor Chronicle: No Sanctions, But Stern Words for Worthy; Wayne County prosecutor won't be sanctioned for seeking recusal of 22nd circuit court judge Tim Connors prior to Nov. 6 election

"Donald Shelton, chief judge of Washtenaw County's 22nd Circuit Court, has declined to sanction Wayne County prosecutor Kym Worthy in connection with a motion she filed last year in the Neal v. Michigan Dept. of Corrections case."

[Full story](#)

C & G News/Warren: Court to move to St. Gertrude Church

"It's finally here — the big move. In anticipation of the construction of its new building, the 40th District Court will close its doors Jan. 17 to move to a temporary location in a school building at Our Lady of Hope Church — St. Gertrude Campus, 28839 Jefferson Ave. The court will reopen in that location on Tuesday, Jan. 22, after a regularly scheduled closing for Martin Luther King Jr. Day."

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Phil Power: Snyder can fix judicial issues

"It's rare for a governor to have the power in his own hands to remedy a problem that's been embarrassing his state since the present state constitution was adopted, half a century ago. But with Justice Diane Hathaway's retirement next week from the Michigan Supreme Court, Gov. Rick Snyder has an easy chance to lock in an important legacy of political reform."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Asked and Answered: Kim Thomas on Life Sentences for Juveniles

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled that a U.S. Supreme Court decision that said juveniles convicted of murder can be eligible for parole should not be applied retroactively for most youths sentenced in Michigan. The ruling came in the case of Raymond Carp, a man convicted of a murder committed when he was 15."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: When judges, jurors and the Internet collide

Nicole Black writes "In the past, I've described misguided attempts by judges to excessively penalize jurors for using social media or the Internet during the pendency of trials. In fact, over the last year,

judges have gone so far as to fine or jail jurors who have used social media during trial, and legislators have proposed laws that would criminalize such conduct.”

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Michigan Court of Appeals upholds first-degree murder conviction for Joshua Hambley

“The Michigan Court of Appeals has affirmed the first-degree murder conviction for Joshua Hambley, the man who stabbed a friend multiple times with a knife, then hit him on the head with a shovel.”

[Full story](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Health benefits for unmarried couples ruled constitutional

“State agencies can allow ‘domestic partnership’ policies for unmarried adult co-residents of their employees, the Michigan Court of Appeals held in the unpublished Attorney General v. Civil Service Commission. A court majority drew a distinction between the situation in National Pride at Work v. Governor, a 2008 case in which the Michigan Supreme Court said state agencies couldn’t confer benefits for same-sex partners because of the Michigan Marriage Amendment.”

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Cunningham sworn in as circuit court judge

“The Jan. 15 investiture ceremony for the Honorable Janice K. Cunningham, 52, Eaton County’s first female circuit court judge, played out like a party for family and friends. A very crowded party. There were the obligatory solemn moments, of course, particularly when Cunningham was sworn in by the person she is replacing, retiring Eaton County Circuit Court Judge Tom Eveland.”

[Full story](#)

**** The article is available by subscription only.**

Lansing State Journal: 54-B District Court to close to public Friday

“Richard D. Ball, Chief Judge of the 54-B District Court in East Lansing, has announced that the court will be closed to the public on Friday, Jan. 25. The court will be conducting a Physical Case Inventory, which is required annually by the Supreme Court.”

[Full story](#)

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Macomb County Legal News: Slip-and-fall cases tough to make in state courts

“Francisco Garces stopped at a grocery store in western Michigan but left with injuries after falling in the icy parking lot. When he sued, he didn’t get sympathy from the state appeals court: The judges said he could have shopped elsewhere.”

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Stateside: Assessing mental health in Michigan

“Today we looked at Michigan’s treatment of mental health. Milton Mack, Chief Judge of Michigan County Probate Court, and Dr. Michele Reid, Medical Director of Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, spoke with Cyndy about the ways we treat mental health.”

[Full story](#)

Midland Daily News: Juvenile justice: Changes made in laws affecting youths

“It’s been years in the making, but now some big changes have been made to laws pertaining to juveniles in court. ‘The predominant push is the idea that we need to have laws that are geared to juveniles,’ Midland County Probate Judge Dorene S. Allen said. ‘Not use adult laws for juveniles.’ ”

[*Full story*](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Supreme Court conducts public hearing Jan. 30: Retention, destruction of juvenile case records is subject of proposed court rule change on agenda

"Rules for retaining and destroying case files and other court records in various juvenile cases - such as child protection, personal protection orders against juveniles, and juvenile delinquency - would be clarified under proposed changes to Michigan Court Rule 3.925. The proposed amendment is on the agenda for the Michigan Supreme Court's Wednesday, Jan. 30, public administrative hearing."

[*Full story*](#)

Also see:

Retention, destruction of juvenile case records is subject of proposed court rule change on agenda for Supreme Court Jan. 30 public hearing

[*Press release*](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Brennan to commemorate Cooley's 40th Anniversary

"... In honor of [Cooley Law School's] 40th anniversary, Thomas E. Brennan, founder of Thomas M. Cooley Law School and former Michigan Supreme Court chief justice, will be the keynote speaker during the [112th graduating class] commencement [on Sunday January 20, at the Breslin Center in East Lansing]."

[*Full story*](#)

Oakland County Legal News: District judge gets sworn in

"Debra Nance was sworn in as an Oakland County 46th District Court judge on Thursday, Jan. 3, in the City Council Chambers at the municipal complex in Southfield."

[*Full story*](#)

Washtenaw County Legal News: Family Law 101-- Panelists will focus on best practices during presentations starting Jan. 29

"... The March 19 presentation will be a discussion of settlement options, including mediation, collaborative law, attorney negotiation, Friend of the Court, and the court. Panelists will include [Zena] Zumeta and [Eileen] Slank, as well as Washtenaw County Trial Court Judge Darlene O'Brien; attorney Naomi Woloshin; and Washtenaw Friend of the Court mediator Alan Zoltowski."

[*Full story*](#)

WJR 760 AM/Detroit: Clifford Taylor interview (6:38 minute podcast)

Frank Beckmann talks to former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Clifford Taylor on his new role as board chairman of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and the retirement of Justice Diane Hathaway.

[*Full story*](#)